

recording by a second person on [with] a recording device in a predetermined encoded indicia format the [patient medical] said object's information communicated by the first person during the physical examination of the [patient] object;

processing said predetermined encoded indicia [the patient medical information] recorded by the recording device to produce in a programmable format [a patient] an object report containing the [patient medical] information; and

comparing the [patient medical] object's information on the [patient] object's report with the [patient medical] object's information recorded by the recording device in said predetermined encoded indicia format to verify the accuracy of the [patient medical] object's information on the [patient] object's report.

ADDITIONAL FEES

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REMARKS

Background

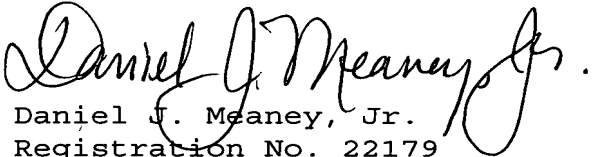
United States Patent Serial No. 08/611,642 filed March 6, 1996, is presently pending, and NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE dated May 12, 1997, was issued and the Issue Fee was paid on August 8, 1997.

Claims in Application

Claims 1 through 33 were originally in the Application. Claims 1 through 33 have been amended by this Preliminary Amendment and this entire Application is being refiled as a Continuation Application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/611,642, filed March 6, 1996. Therefore, Claims 1 through 33, as amended, are present in the Application.

This Continuation Application is being filed to continue prosecution of broader claims relative to the Claims which have been allowed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/611,642.

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